



Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D. C. 20530

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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT EMPLOYEES

FROM: THE ATTORNEY GENERAL 

SUBJECT: RESCINDING “ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE” MEMORANDA<sup>1</sup>

As one of his first official acts, President Trump rescinded many harmful executive orders and actions taken by the prior administration. In doing so, President Trump explained that “climate extremism has exploded inflation and overburdened businesses with regulation.”

As an initial step towards “mak[ing] our Nation united, fair, safe, and prosperous again” and “restor[ing] common sense to the Federal Government,” President Trump rescinded Executive Order 13990, *Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis*, 86 Fed. Reg. 7037 (Jan. 20, 2021), and Executive Order 14099, *Revitalizing Our Nation’s Commitment to Environmental Justice for All*, 88 Fed. Reg. 30,891 (Apr. 21, 2023).

After the promulgation of Executive Order 13990, the Department issued memoranda to implement an “environmental justice” agenda that, among other things, “prioritize[d]” enforcing environmental laws in cases affecting “overburdened and underserved communities,” including “low-income communities, communities of color, and Tribal and Indigenous communities.”

To ensure that the Department engages in the even-handed administration of justice, I hereby rescind the May 5, 2022 Memorandum from the Attorney General entitled *Actions to Advance Environmental Justice*, the May 5, 2022 Memorandum from the Associate Attorney General entitled *Comprehensive Environmental Justice Enforcement Strategy*, and any other Attorney General memoranda, guidance or similar directive that implement the prior administration’s “environmental justice” agenda. Further, the heads of all components and U.S. Attorneys’ Offices are to rescind immediately any memoranda, guidance, or similar directive applicable to their component or office. They must certify that they have done so by February 7, 2025.

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Subject: Renewing the Federal Bureau of Prison's Commitment to Public Safety and Successful Reentry

Going forward, the Department will evenhandedly enforce all federal civil and criminal laws, including environmental laws.